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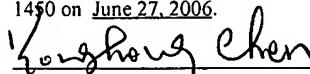
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1. German Patent Application No. 41 02 526 A 1
2. British Patent No. 1,042,390

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3. German Patent Application No. 2 156 488
4. German Patent Application No. 2 326 646
5. US Patent 5,251,911

A concise explanation of relevancy for each non-English document is provided below:

Document 1

German Patent Application No. 41 02 526 A 1 was published on July 30, 1992. It is indicated in the ISR that column 2, lines 25-64 and Figs. 1.1 and 1.2 of Document 1 are "X" category relevant to claims 1 and 12 while the whole document is "A" category relevant to claims 2-10 and 13-14 of the present invention.

Document 3

German Patent Application No. 2 156 488 was published on May 17, 1973. It is indicated in the ISR that page 3, line 25 to page 6, line 25 and Figs. 1 and 7 of Document 3 are "X" category relevant to claim 1 while the whole document is "A" category relevant to claims 2-14 of the present invention.

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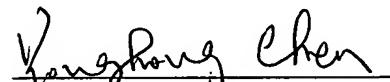
German Patent Application No. 2 326 646 was published on December 12, 1974. It is indicated in the ISR that the whole Document 4 is "X" category relevant to claim 1 and the whole document is "A" category relevant to claims 2-14 of the present invention.

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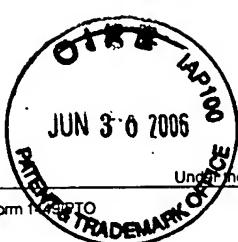
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